

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 654

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mark Allen Stanley.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective well-being, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of service to others through service in forestry; and

WHEREAS, these individuals daily face the rigors of corporal imperilment in protecting the public safety; and

WHEREAS, State Division of Forestry employee Mark Allen Stanley of Hornsby was one such outstanding public servant, and the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of his tragic and untimely death in the line of duty on April 13, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stanley served astutely with the State Division of Forestry of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture for twenty-eight years; originally from Brownsville, he transferred in 1997 to Hardeman County, where he served as a Forestry Technician, supervising wildfire suppression and forest management activities in the area; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Mr. Stanley was assisting in the undulating of a prescribed burn; and

WHEREAS, Mark Stanley was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stanley is survived by his children, Jason Stanley and Stephanie Stanley; his father and stepmother, Earl and Armandina Stanley; three brothers, Anthony Early Stanley, Sammy Stanley, and Paul Stanley; and his sister, Carolyn Stanley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stanley leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting and serving his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mark Allen Stanley, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. Stanley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.